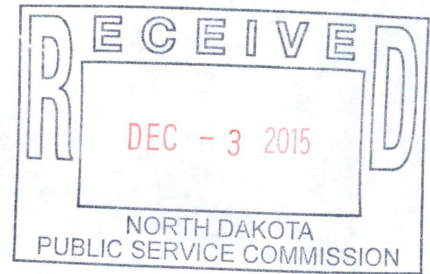


December 3, 2015

Julie Fedorchak
ND Public Service Commissioner Chairman
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



Dear Commissioner Fedorchak:

Our families are currently in pipeline lease negotiations with Dakota Access and are concerned about water resources that may be affected by the pipeline construction which is currently planned to go through our pasture and spring-fed creek 30 miles west of Bismarck. The latest draft of the lease from Dakota Access (presented to our lawyer, Mr. Braaten) shows almost no protection for the creek and ground water. We are currently working with our lawyer to amend that in order that we have assurance that the creek and ground water will be protected.

We would greatly appreciate if you could provide us any information related to the North Dakota State Public Service Commission conditions or guidelines for the pipeline company that will protect landowners and ranchers during pipeline construction and operation.

The reason for our inquiry is based on actions taken in South Dakota noted in the December 2, 2015 online Bakken Magazine news article: <http://thebakken.com/articles/1387/sd-utilities-commission-approves-dakota-access-pipeline>. South Dakota recently approved the Dakota Access pipeline permit and states that the members of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission also approved 49 conditions that are intended to protect the land and landowners during the construction and operation of the pipeline stating this be done in a manner that "allows farmers and ranchers impacted by the pipeline to very quickly get back to their business of producing food....in a manner uninhibited by the pipeline."

It is important that the reliable creek and ground water on our North Dakota family farm and ranch and homes for the past 4 generations continues in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Three handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is for Joel & Donna Johnson, the second for Grant & Sheri Johnson, and the third for Bryan Johnson.

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